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**Re: Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Dated 7/26/2001**  
**Patent App. Ser. No. 09/866,258**  
**Filing Receipt Date 5/29/2001**  
**Confirmation Number 5511**

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed **Corrective Drawings** regarding Patent Application Serial Number 09/866,258, for which a filing receipt was issued on May 29, 2001. By Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated July 26, 2001, a copy of which is returned herewith, Applicant was required to submit substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 correcting the failure to label each figure "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) under 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1). The duplication of the figure number "Fig. 3" was due to the inclusion of a duplicative draft of Figure 3. This has been corrected

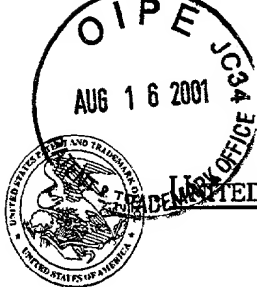
The enclosed drawings are believed to comply with the requirement in the Notice. This paper is timely filed, as it is made within the two months provided for response. No extension of time or associated fee is necessary.

Yours very truly,

Nathan W. Johnson

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*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

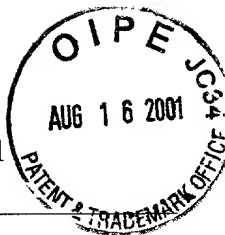
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